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Analysis

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Strategic Research
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Study on Iran's Obstructive Capability
and Military Balance

1. In my background reading for the 5 July PRC meeting on Conventional Arms Transfer to Iran, I found at Tab A an executive summary of a study on Iran's obstructive capability and the military balance in the area. I wonder if we had any part in this study.

2. From the summary given to me, it looks like a fairly shallow piece of work. On top of that, it reminds me of the efforts I talked to you and [] about with regard to finding new measures for conventional force balance. At least this summary is very non-quantitative and it also has the element of leaving you with a feeling that you've been to hear the Delphic oracle, i.e., every question is answered in at least two conflicting ways.

3. I simply want to note that reading this reaffirms my desire that we should try to push the state of the art forward here in finding ways to compare conventional force structure.

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cc: Deputy Director/NFAC

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